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Dear Dale,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us last week. As we mentioned in our meeting, it is Leslie Salt's goal to minimize bittern storage at all our facilities when we have feasible alternatives available. Right now, we are looking at the combined sewage and bittern discharge in EBDA's line for Newark. We also continue to look for viable marketing options for the bittern.

As for Leslie's brine management efforts we have embarked upon an anti-vandalism campaign for our water control structures. In Redwood City we have installed more locked gates to limit access as well as installed hasps to lock ditch gates in the closed position. These types of controls will be installed in any vulnerable locations.

We also have examined our brine management system throughout the Bay Area. Our watermen are sensitive to areas of potential seepage and we have addressed these areas with coring of the levees or other sealing alternatives. We also are looking at different gate structures and valve/vault installations to control any escape of brine. As we have mentioned, Leslie is motivated to control any escape of brine not only from our environmental perspective but to limit any loss of our product as well.

As promised I have also attached the Plummer Creek study done for the SFNWR that addresses the benthic community on either side of the bittern storage ponds. Please see page 34 for the conclusions.

As always, should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Barbara N. Ransom
Environmental Affairs Manager

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File No. 2199.9079 (DCB)Ms. Barbara Ransom
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Subject: Response to draft September 18, 1989 meeting notes

Dear Ms. Ransom:

We have reviewed your letter of October 9, 1989, consisting of draft notes of our September 18, 1989 meeting at which we discussed the Leslie salt proposals for bittern discharge. We find your summary of the meeting accurate and accept it as the status of consensus on these issues with a few exceptions mentioned below. We understand that you have been proceeding with a revised Study Plan based on our discussions. Please submit a revised Study Plan reflecting these discussions by December 15, 1989.

Though this issue is not directly pertinent to the pending matter, staff asserts that the Leslie Salt ponds are "waters of the State" and that bittern discharge to and storage in those ponds under certain circumstances may be considered storage of waste and/or discharge of waste to waters of the State.

Please contact Dale Bowyer at 415/464-4267 to discuss this letter or arrange a meeting for further discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steven R. Ritchie", is written over a horizontal line.

Steven R. Ritchie
Executive Officer